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SUBJ: ALLEGED MERCENARIES IN MALAWI

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 650, DAR ES SALAAM 2669, LONDON 10036

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AUGUST 8, SENIOR MALAWI

SECURITY OFFICIAL INSISTED THERE IS NO TRUTH WHATEVER IN

ALLEGATIONS OF MALAWI ASSOCIATION WITH MERCENARIES. OFFICIAL

SAID PRESIDENT BANDA IS ANGRY AT PRESS REPORTS (REFTELS) WHICH

HE REGARDS AS ANOTHER EPISODE OF "IRRESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM"

DIRECTED AT MALAWI. PRESIDENT HAS ALSO ORDERED INVESTIGATION

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TO DETERMINE WHETHER MALAWI'S "ENEMIES" ARE BEHIND CURRENT

ALLEGATIONS. OFFICIAL INDICATED SUSPECTS INCLUDE RHODESIANS WHO MY BE ANGRY WITH MALAWI FOR COOPERATING WITH FRELIMO, OR POSSIBLY EXILED MALAWIAN POLITICIANS SUCH AS KANYAMA CHIUME IN DAR.

2. WHOLLY AGREE WITH COMMENT DAR REFTEL THAT MALAWI-TANZANIAN RELATIONS ARE BOUND TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. WE EXPECT PRESIDENT BANDA WILL LAUNCH HEAVY COUNTER-ATTACK IN PRESS.
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